

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes, I'll respond.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Senator Schmit, are you aware that the bill is besides asking for continuing education, that it is going to allow classroom hours to take the place of real estate experience as a broker and you can get a licensed appraisers...appraisal license after having 180 hours just classroom experience?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes, I read the bill, Senator. I am aware of that and of course I guess that was one of the major reasons for the introduction of the bill. I'd have to ask Senator Goodrich to comment on that, but I assume that was probably the major reason for the introduction of the bill.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Thank you. I guess to...I don't have a problem with the bill per se. I know we have been in a mode to require continuing education for just about everything under the sun over the last four years that I have been here including funeral directors and embalmers. I do find it kind of interesting that we still have nothing required for law or medicine, but we have continuing education required for everything else. I'd like to see us sometime address the problems of medicine or law. I think it is quite understandable that there is a changing state of the art for embalming that far surpasses that of medicine, but I think notwithstanding that we should look into the continuing education of physicians and attorneys. I suppose that having appraisers being required to have continuing education is commensurate with our mode towards other professions. I do have some serious concerns about being able to supplant classroom hours for real estate experience when you're going to have a person's appraisal writing make so much difference upon the ability to require...obtain funds for an operation, to allow classroom hours to supplant experience in the field when so much is dependent upon that appraisal and I think we all recognize that a lot of times classroom hours will not supplant the experience in the field when you are getting down to something that is fairly subjective in its judgment. I will not hold up the bill. I will not vote against it, but I would like to explore this more before we get to Select File.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Schmit, please.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well, just to comment a bit upon Senator Hannibal's comments since he is a rather young man. He may be